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July 8, 2005

Michael Faulkenberry, P.E.  
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Avista Utilities Corporation  
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Dear Mr. Faulkenberry:

**Subject: 2005 Natural Gas Standard Inspection – Goldendale/Stevenson**

Commission Pipeline Safety staff (Staff) conducted a natural gas inspection from May 18, 2005 to May 19, 2005, of Avista Utilities Corporation (Avista), Goldendale/Stevenson District facilities. The inspection included a records review and inspection of the pipeline facilities. No apparent violations were noted as a result of the inspection.

It is the responsibility of Avista to review the operation and maintenance of the entire pipeline system on an ongoing basis to ensure that the company is in full compliance with all applicable state and federal pipeline safety requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Subsits, Pipeline Safety Engineer, at (360) 664-1322, and refer to docket number PG-050355 in any future correspondence regarding this inspection.

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Thank you for your cooperation and interest in pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

Alan E. Rathbun  
Pipeline Safety Director

cc. Linda Burger

*The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has the authority to enforce the minimum safety regulations per Chapter 480-93 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) pertaining to the construction, maintenance and operation of pipelines transporting natural gas in the state of Washington. In addition, the Commission adopts the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 49, Part 191 and 192.*